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## FREE SCHOOLS AGAIN.

The question of the abolition of fees will be settled one way or the other tomorrow. If Minister Mott-Smith gives way it will only put the matter off for a comparatively short time, our Americanization is progressing daily, and Americanization means free schools for all. Mrs. Partington made a great effort to sweep back the Atlantic with her broom, but her success was certainly very limited. We have a plentiful supply of Mrs. Partingtons here and their success will be just as limited.

It hardly seems necessary to recapitulate the arguments advanced in favor of the free school. The advantage of it, and its logical necessity under a republican form of government, is so self-evident, that it scarcely needs commenting upon. If we are to teach our children the true democratic idea, we must instill it into them when they are young. The Constitution says that all men are equal. In the eye of the law all men are equal, and crime must be punished as rigorously in the rich as in the poor. In the eye of the State all children are equal, and what educational advantages the State has, must be given with impartial hand.

The plan of establishing a system of selection by fees is utterly at variance with a proper republican system. It means that the dull children of those who can pay, can monopolize all the advantages the State gives. It also means that only the very bright children of the poor can get those advantages, through a form of charity, called scholarships.

For this scholarship system there can be nothing but reprobation. It grew out of the fact that the system of fees could not always be enforced. When the High school was first talked of, it was decided to make it free. Then the conservative phalanx stepped in and decided that it should be a pay school. The first stern decree was that all who could not pay should be dismissed. Then it was found that this would not work very well, for some of the brightest children would have to be dismissed, and the system of scholarships was proposed. One ardent advocate of the scholarship system was willing that the number of scholarships should be almost indefinite, all he wanted was that the fee system should be there. Why? Because the giving of scholarships was a cheap bit of patronage, and some minds delight in patronage. This wiseacre did not base his objections on the money side of the argument, which some of the supporters of the fee system hold, but simply on the desire for control by the Board of Education of who should go to the High school, if they happened to be penniless. If they could dig up 50 cents a week, there was no necessity for control.

Of course the answer to this is plain enough. The educational establishments conducted by the State are not charitable institutions. They are conducted for the purpose of letting the children of the State have a proper opportunity of fitting themselves for the battle of life. So important do we consider them, that we even force children to go to school between the ages of six and fifteen. But whether we force them into school or not, all children have a right to the State advantages. They are no charity to any one, and to make attendance at the High school a charitable gift to some children, and deny it to others, is to breed a spirit of subservience the very reverse of republican. You cannot mix republicanism and aristocratical ideas together. The trouble with some of our people is that they are republican in name and perhaps even in theory, but they are monarchial in practice.

Those who have opposed on the score of the necessity of the money, should be ashamed, and there is every reason to believe they are ashamed of their argument. The utmost returns obtained from the fees is very little over \$3000 per annum. When four Cabinet officials were willing to allow their salaries to be increased \$1500 per annum each, and, with one exception, made no remarks upon the damage this would inflict upon the revenue, there does not seem any reason why much argument should be made in remitting the \$3000 earned by the High school. When the next Legislature meets, if ever it does, this amount can be saved by reducing the minister's salaries pro rata.

Judge Perry did not permit the jury to visit the theater last evening. The jury going in a body to a place of entertainment would have been a novelty here, but it often occurs on the mainland. Of course there is no more harm in a jury going to the theater than there is in their playing poker or cribbage in their rooms at the hotel. The sole question would be whether in a place like our theater, it would be possible to properly isolate them. Presumably Judge Perry thought that the Su-

preme court might take such a view of the case, and would allow no chances. The Kahuku murder trial is a very costly piece of business, and the judge was right to take the stand he did, but it was very hard on the jurors to miss all the high kicking. They have every one's sympathy, poor things.

## FOR OMAHA.

The proposal to send A. S. Cleghorn and Dan Logan as representatives to the Omaha exhibition will meet with general approval. Mr. Cleghorn is to all intents and purposes an Hawaiian, who is deeply interested in the progress of the country. Dan Logan has for years been a prominent newspaperman in Honolulu, and is thoroughly posted upon the statistics and progress of the Islands, and understands their resources. Moreover, there is much satisfaction in knowing that these gentlemen do not go forward as any Government job. They are chosen by the committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and will be paid by funds supplied by the merchants and agricultural magnates of the country.

It is a satisfaction to see something undertaken here without Government aid. It has been the bane of these Islands that what ever had to be done, Government aid was at once invoked. It has made so many of our people lacking in self-dependence, and has turned many of our young men into bureaucrats. But the spirit of independence is coming more and more to the front, and the idea that every one should fly to the assistance of the Government is becoming a thing which will be a memory. Self-dependence is a great attribute in man, it is a great and satisfactory attribute of communities.

The exhibit which we shall send forward this time to Omaha, will in all human probability, be more satisfactory than any that has yet gone forward from these Islands, and there is every chance that it will more truly portray our condition. When the Government has sent forward the exhibit, no one particularly cared what was sent. Men shrugged their shoulders and said it was none of their business. But when a committee of citizens undertake the work, we may feel satisfied that it will be well done, and that instead of the clerk of a bureau taking an interest in it, a large number of people will take a personal interest in it.

The basis upon which the exhibit for Omaha now stands is a very satisfactory one. There is every reason to suppose that in the hands it now is, it will be carried on to complete success, and it will be very much more to our credit than if it had had Government aid. To have an exhibit of our products and manufactures on the mainland will be invaluable to us, if it is a true exhibit and not a midway show. The show part of the program seems to have gone off, as it should do. What we want to let people understand is our material progress, and our capability of entering the Union as intelligent, up-to-date citizens, progressive, industrious and fit to take our share of the governing of our territory on lines as broad and as elevated as any place in the Union. We are no community of semi-civilized races, but are fit to take our place as citizens. And it is this idea that we want thoroughly to impress through the exhibit we make.

Honolulu presents opportunities for seeing and meeting with more distinguished people than are usually seen in ordinary cities. This comes from our being on the highway of the world, and further from our small size. In London, or New York, or Boston, distinguished people are as thick as leaves on Valombrosa, but unless you happen to belong to certain favored sets, you have little chance of even seeing them. Here one has the chance of both seeing and meeting. It is one of the many alleviations which we have for living so far away from the world.

The shooting on board the Australia must have given the passengers an unpleasant shock, and have made an unpropitious start for that vessel. It is said that opium is at the bottom of the quarrel between the men. Unfortunately the crew of the Australia has a most unsavory reputation in connection with the drug.

The boarding of transports by Board of Health officials is a necessary precaution after the discovery that the Grant had had small pox on board. It does not argue very great vigilance on the part of the army surgeons that such a thing should have occurred, for the discovery was not made till the men had left the vessel. If our board does its duty thoroughly, it will have the unanimous support of the community. It matters not from whom the disease may come, the community must be protected if other people have to suffer discomfort.

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APRIL 12, 1899.

THE WEATHER HAS BEEN UNUSUALLY COOL, AND LITTLE ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE REFRIGERATOR. THE ICE LASTS WELL, AND NOTHING IS SPOILED. BUT THE CHANGE IS COMING. VERY SOON IT WILL BE WARM AGAIN AND MUCH CARE AND ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO PERISHABLE ARTICLES.

WE ARE ALWAYS PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES, LOOKING AHEAD, AS IT WERE, AND HAVE LAID IN A STOCK OF

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